

FEET TANGLED IN RED TAPE

Board of Health Holds Windy Meeting, but Results Are Attained.

The board of health held a meeting yesterday afternoon that lasted an hour and forty-five minutes and resembled nothing so much as a session of the board of supervisors—unless, possibly, it might be a little dog chasing his tail. It went around and around in a circle without getting anywhere, until finally Fred Smith seized the rotating engine and checked it bodily into its kennel.

All that the board did, and all that it had to do when it started in, was to vote funds to the Palama Settlement for the pay of two district nurses for the anti-tuberculosis campaign. But it took nearly two hours for some one to discover how this could be done. At last it was done by the simple expedient of doing it.

The meeting was a special meeting, called by President Mott-Smith to consider the work of the anti-tuberculosis campaign. It soon developed that there were many bumps of petty importance sticking out and their owners were afraid that somebody might happen to knock against them. This does not mean that the members of the board of health have any bumps of importance, but they felt themselves obliged to use great care not to collide with the bumps of some other people. There was much talk of responsibility and who was to get the credit for certain work—that, at least, is what it amounted to—who should be boss over the district nurses.

Several others than members of the board of health attended the meeting, including J. R. Galt and Superintendent Rata of Palama Mission, both present as members of the executive committee of the anti-tuberculosis league. Doctor Hobdy was present as a member of the board of health and as a member of the executive committee. Doctor Brinckerhoff was also present, as was Doctor Wayson.

J. R. Galt asked the board to turn over to Palama Settlement two district nurses, the board having previously agreed to provide two nurses. But the two nurses have not even been selected and nothing along that line has yet been done by the board of health, although the league has six nurses at work. Mr. Galt stated that the league needed the two extra nurses on account of the fact that the day camp is to be opened next Thursday and one nurse must be put in charge of that institution and one nurse is needed elsewhere.

Then began a ring-around-a-rosy discussion. Everybody admitted that the proposed two nurses should be put to work, but everybody, or nearly everybody, had some objection to offer. Mr. Mott-Smith did not see how the legislative appropriation could be used to pay nurses under the charge of the Palama Settlement. The board couldn't be responsible for their work if it did not have direct charge of them. Doctor Sexton, head of the tuberculosis bureau, objected to turning over the nurses to the league and indicated inferentially that he was afraid his position was not being properly recognized.

Doctor Brinckerhoff made a speech in which he said that the question was not one of responsibility or who should boss the nurses, but a question of curing sick people and preventing other people from getting sick.

Doctor Hobdy backed him up in this, but proceeded to go into such elaborate detail that the issue was once more obscured and nobody knew where he "was at."

Then Doctor Wayson took a hand in the matter and made a speech in which he tried to brush aside all the red tape and succeeded remarkably well—until the next speaker grabbed the end and wrapped it around the feet of the board again.

This lasted for an hour and a half or more, during which time many petty jealousies peeped out. Fred Smith, who had sat through the long discussion with a bored look on his face, finally cut the Gordian knot by making the simple motion that the board of health turn over to Palama Mission the funds to pay for the two nurses. The solution was so ridiculously simple that everybody gasped and a few tried to discuss the matter some more or amend the motion. But Smith stuck to his guns and won out. The motion was adopted and the vexed problem solved.

Joe Marie, otherwise known as "Portuguese Joe," desires all his friends to know that it is not he who was arrested for assault on Monday, all other reports to the contrary notwithstanding. Portuguese Joe would not assault anyone, this being his own voluntary statement.

THE NEW OUT-OF-DOORS CLUB HAS AN ENTHUSIASTIC START

Prominent Citizens Join Organization to Aid in Making Island Scenic Beauties More Accessible.

About half a hundred prominent citizens of Hawaii attended the birth and christening of the Trail and Travel Club at the chamber of commerce yesterday afternoon. The Godfathers were C. H. Hitchcock, of the Appalachian, America's oldest mountain climbing club, and E. T. Parsons, a director and live wire of America's second oldest mountain club, the Sierra, the one representing the East, the other the West. The sponsors, or directors elected by the new club were W. R. Castle, Lorin A. Thurston, Irwin Spaulding, Alexander Hume Ford, Robert Shingle, J. P. Cooke, Ed. Towse, Ralph Hosmer and Rev. Doremus Scudder. These will meet at nine o'clock this morning at the office of W. R. Castle and elect a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and then the real work of the club will begin.

Among those who signed their names as witnesses of the birth of the Trail and Travel Club, and presented gifts of gold (five dollars each, annual dues), were C. H. Hitchcock, E. T. Parsons, Irwin Spaulding, L. A. Thurston, W. R. Castle, A. H. Ford, H. P. Judd, J. P. Cooke, A. M. Nowell, A. H. Garrit, Dr. H. P. Nottage, Paul Super, J. S. Donaghio, A. R. Garrey Jr., J. T. McCrossen, Robert E. Bond, Rev. Doremus Scudder, Frank S. Dodge, Ed. Towse, Ralph S. Hosmer, Armstrong Towse (age four and first junior member), John Gould, Allan Horbert. A number of others will sign today and when the first hundred have signed as charter members, that list will be closed, but it will always appear in the annual bulletins of the club.

The meeting was called to order at four-thirty, Mr. Thurston in the chair. The constitution, as prepared by the committee appointed at the preliminary meeting two weeks ago, was read and adopted after a few changes had been made, the most important of which was the insertion of the Sierra club voting clause complete. This permits each member to vote by mail and he may select his own nominees to vote for. Every adult will have a vote. Over fifteen and under twenty-one will pay half dues and will not vote until they are of age and pay the regular dues. Children under fifteen years of age pay one dollar a year dues. There is nothing in the constitution to bar women from membership and office in the club.

C. H. Hitchcock of the Appalachian Club made a few interesting remarks about the work of that famous organization. He told what it had accomplished through legislation in the way of preserving natural features to the nation. E. T. Parsons, director of the Sierra and member of all the western mountain climbing clubs, also addressed the meeting. He told of the work of the Sierra Club, how it took hundreds of its members on mountain outings during the summer. Some times as many as thirty invited newspaper men and magazine writers accompanied these outings, and what they wrote did California a world of good, for everyone knew that the Sierra Club had nothing to do with promotion work and that its bulletins were absolutely statements of facts, and that they were so regarded by the state department in Washington. Mr. Parsons pointed out the use such a club could be to Hawaii. "The tourist is worth \$200,000,000 annually to Switzerland," he said, "yet a little more than a hundred years ago her Alpine heights and glaciers were absolutely unexplored and unknown. Alpine clubs have made nearly every mountain peak accessible, and today the value of the tourist trade to Switzerland is estimated at four billion dollars. The mountain clubs of California are attracting the very best class of tourists. The people may discount the statements of our promotion committees sixty per cent, but they do not discount the descriptions our writers in our clubs give in the annual bulletins of their organizations."

Here in Hawaii you have a wonderful opportunity. Prepare your trails and resthouses for your own use, map out the trails and put out accurate information. The tourist will learn of it, and you won't be able to keep him away. Let a man join your club in any part of the world, and let him vote at every election and on any change in your constitution, then you can keep him. Let him vote by mail, no matter if he is in New York or in Europe—if he is a member let him vote. That is what we do in the Sierra, and it is the secret of our success. You should have one great organization for all the islands. Each island has its own local chapter, but the dues should all come to the club. We have a southern California branch of the Sierra Club, yet only members of the club residing in southern California may join it. This is important, for when the times comes for the Sierra or the Trail and Travel Club to speak to congress in favor of some national park or kindred subject, it should be able to do so promptly and authoritatively. The Sierra Club has taken a prominent part in saving the Yosemite to the Nation. There is plenty of work for a Trail and Travel Club to do in Hawaii for the good of the islands. Once they are covered with a network of trails, we shall hear of it on the coast, and we shall want to come to Hawaii. Switzerland owes much to her Alpine clubs; so does California to her mountain associations, and so will Hawaii to her Trail and Travel Club if it is conducted along the lines set forth in your constitution."

Mr. Parsons is a forceful speaker and might have gone on indefinitely. The hearty applause demonstrated that fact. The meeting, now thoroughly awake, became a lively one. Ed. Towse wanted provision for junior members. He has a son four years old who is the youngest member of the Oahu Walking Club, and who tramped last Sunday four miles and the Sunday before that contributed fifty dollars to the Y. M. C. A. building fund. Provision was made for juniors, but someone else promptly jumped the life membership fee up to \$100 before young Towse could get in on the ground floor. Mr. Hosmer, whose specialty is forestry, wanted to know if the women might become members and no one said nay. The young Y. M. C. A. live-wire Super wanted a provision in the constitution for awards, prizes or medals for those hardy enough to clamber up Konahonu or Kaala. The committee was instructed to oblige. It was suggested that the first one hundred signers of the constitution be enrolled as charter members and there was a scramble to sign up. The gold pieces rattled down on the chamber of commerce table and it was all young Irwin Spaulding from the Spreckels bank could do to gather them in, but instinct and second nature came to his aid. Everyone wanted to be first to pay his annual dues. As there were not a hundred present, many of the friends of the movement being detained elsewhere, a motion was made requesting those who wish to come in as charter members to send their names at once to Alexander Hume Ford, Honolulu. The club treasurer will be elected this morning and will see to the collections.

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FRIAR LAND IS EXCUSE FOR ATTACK

Attorney-General Accused of Being in League With Sugar Trust Grabbers.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The former head of the sugar trust is now at the head of the department of justice and under this administration the Philippines are being exploited," declared Representative Martin of Colorado in addressing the house today on the subject of friar lands in the Philippines.

Martin, referring to his request for an investigation into the acts of the attorney-general, which was referred to the committee on rules, said a mere inquiry into the reasons of the attorney-general for his opinion as to the amount of sugar land a corporation could own would not be sufficient. The inquiry he said, would have to go into the facts bearing upon these matters.

In spite of what Mr. Martin claimed was the plain meaning of the act relating to the friar lands, the attorney-general had rendered an opinion that there was no limitation in the case of corporations purchasing sugar lands in the islands.

If there was to be no limitation in the amount of land owned by corporations in the Philippines, Mr. Martin said, congress should amend the law



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